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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Norihiko KUBO)
Application No.: 10/068,842)
Filed: February 11, 2002)
For: CLEANING APPARATUS AND)
IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS :

) Examiner: William J. Royer
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) Group Art Unit: 2852
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) Confirmation No.: 8953
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)
) June 24, 2003
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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO AMEND THE DRAWINGS

Sir:

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner approve the amendments to Figure 1, as shown in red ink in the attached sketch. The proposed drawing amendments consist of deleting reference numeral "7" and its lead line; adding an arrowhead to the lead line associated with reference numeral "9"; relocating the lead line associated with reference numeral "12" to better depict the conveying guide described at least at page 10, line 26 through page 11, line 1 of the specification; and changing reference character "1s" to --13--. The foregoing amendments are presented in response to objections to the drawings set forth in an Official Action dated March 24, 2003 in the above-identified application.

It is respectfully submitted that no new matter has been presented.

Favorable consideration hereof is earnestly requested.

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Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010 All correspondence should continue to be directed to our New York office at the address given below.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'William M. Wannisky', written over a horizontal line.

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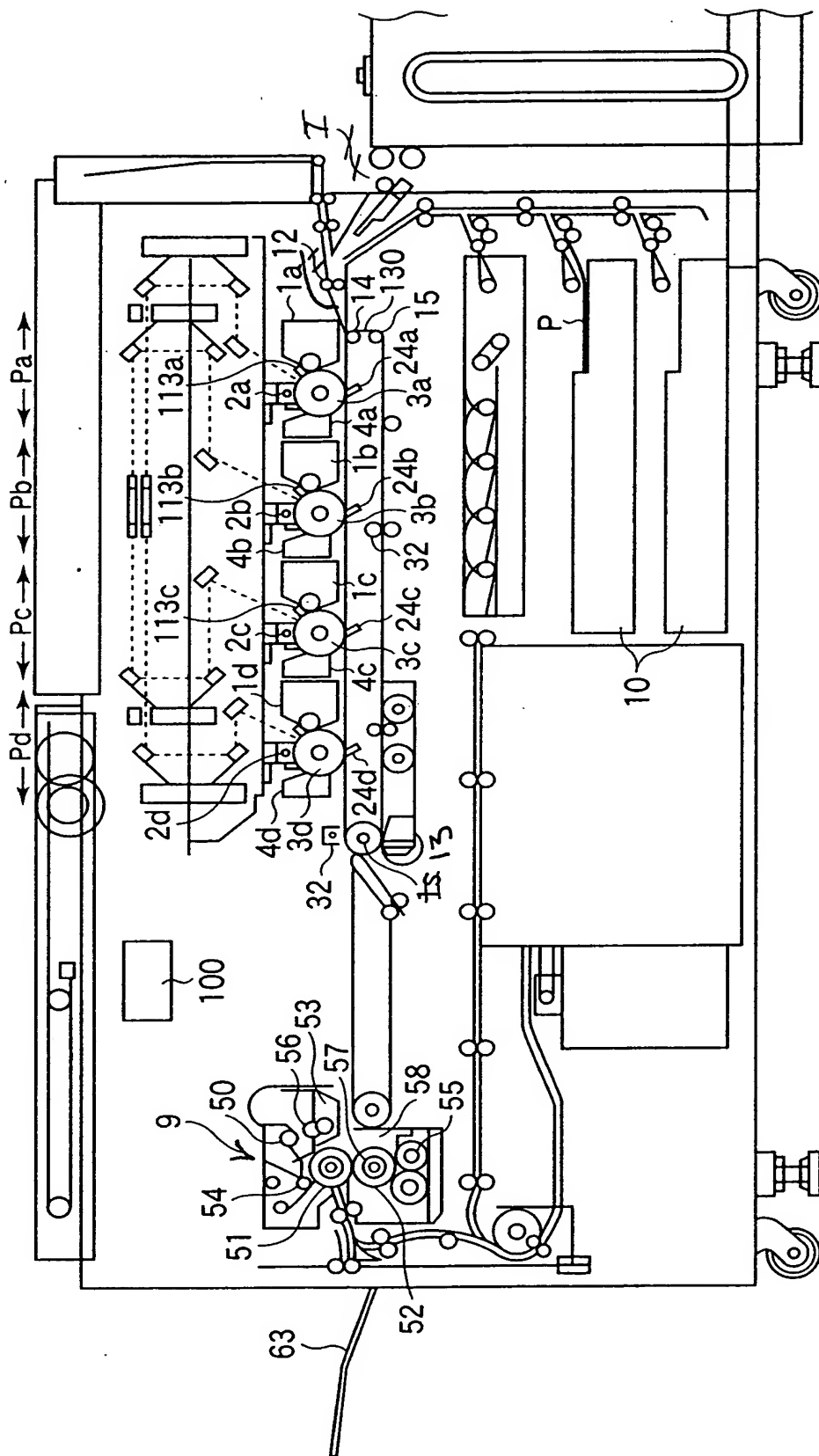
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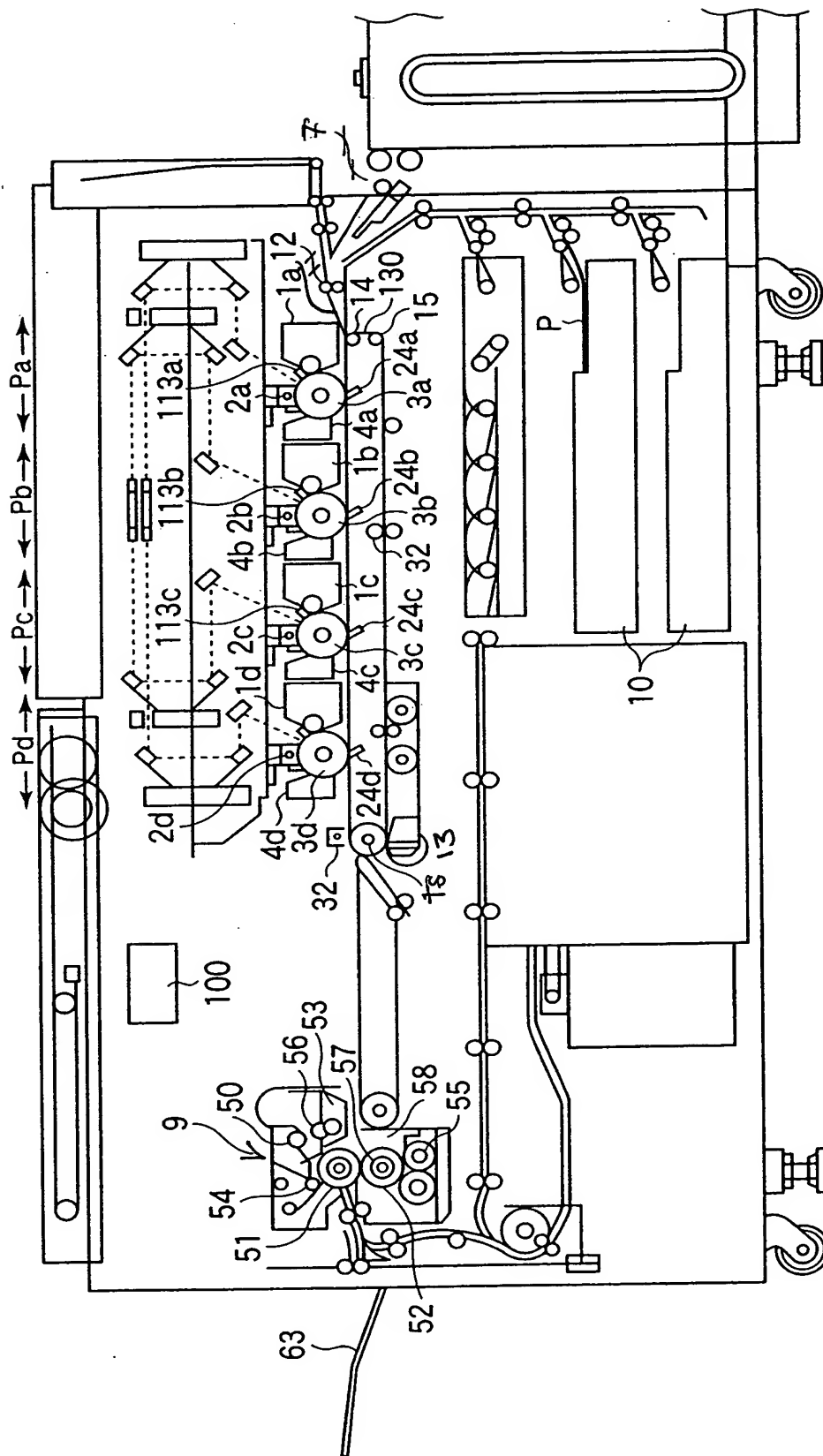


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FIG.1



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